

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 302

AN ACT

To direct the Secretary of Energy to provide financial assistance to graduate students and postdoctoral researchers pursuing certain courses of study relating to cybersecurity and energy infrastructure, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Energy Cybersecurity
3 University Leadership Act of 2023”.

4 **SEC. 2. ENERGY CYBERSECURITY UNIVERSITY LEADER-**
5 **SHIP ACTIVITIES.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—In coordination with the activities
7 authorized under title VIII of division Z of the Consoli-
8 dated Appropriations Act, 2021 (Public Law 116–260),
9 the Secretary of Energy shall support the development of
10 a next-generation energy-specific cybersecurity workforce
11 by—

12 (1) providing financial assistance, on a competi-
13 tive basis, for scholarships, fellowships, and research
14 and development projects at institutions of higher
15 education to support graduate students and
16 postdoctoral researchers pursuing a course of study
17 that integrates cybersecurity competencies within
18 disciplines associated with energy infrastructure
19 needs;

20 (2) providing graduate students and
21 postdoctoral researchers with research traineeship
22 experiences at National Laboratories and utilities;
23 and

24 (3) conducting outreach to historically Black
25 colleges and universities, Tribal Colleges or Univer-
26 sities, and minority-serving institutions.

1 (b) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date
2 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Energy shall
3 submit to the Committee on Science, Space, and Tech-
4 nology of the House of Representatives and the Committee
5 on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate a report
6 on the implementation of the activities described in sub-
7 section (a).

8 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

9 (1) HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGE AND UNI-
10 VERSITY.—The term “historically Black college and
11 university” has the meaning given the term “part B
12 institution” in section 322 of the Higher Education
13 Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1061).

14 (2) INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.—The
15 term “institution of higher education” has the
16 meaning given such term in section 101(a) of the
17 Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001(a)).

18 (3) MINORITY-SERVING INSTITUTION.—The
19 term “minority-serving institution” means an eligi-
20 ble institution under section 371(a) of the Higher
21 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1067q(a)).

22 (4) NATIONAL LABORATORY.—The term “Na-
23 tional Laboratory” has the meaning given such term
24 in section 2 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (42
25 U.S.C. 15801).

1 (5) TRIBAL COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY.—The
2 term “Tribal College or University” has the meaning
3 given such term in section 316(b) of the Higher
4 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1059c(b)).

 Passed the House of Representatives February 6,
2023.

Attest:

Clerk.

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